

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

Raphael DONATI et al.

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PCT/FR04/0775

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Docket No.: 125017

For: SOLID-PHASE IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC METHODS

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

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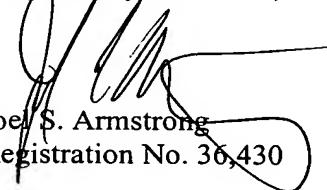
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**DECLARATION UNDER 35 USC §371(c)(4) FOR  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled: SOLID-PHASE IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC METHODS

described and claimed in international application number PCT/FR04/00775 filed March 26, 2004.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to my international application are hereby claimed:

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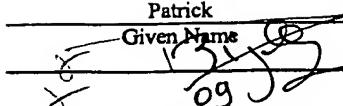
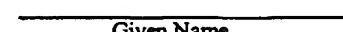
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